

## THIRTY-NINTH DAY

**Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, convened at 12:06 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Souki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Former Representative Lynn Finnegan, Executive Director of Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Har, Oshiro and Wooley, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Eighth Day was deferred.

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 406) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 406, transmitting H.B. No. 776, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT TORT LIABILITY," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 25, 2013.

Representative Saiki moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bill, seconded by Representative Awana and carried: (Representatives Har, Oshiro and Wooley were excused.)

H.B. No. 776, HD 2, (SD 1)

## INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the Members of the House:

Representative Nishimoto introduced members of the Kaimuki High School Student Government, and their advisor, Ms. Holly Honbo.

Representative Say introduced visitors from Vancouver, Canada: Mr. Andre La Rouge, member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Mrs. Trudy La Rouge, daughter of Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario; and their children, Stefan and Nicole.

Representative Takai introduced his constituent and retired Hawaii National Guardsman, Mr. George Cho; and Mrs. Shirley Kauhahao, wife of the late First Lieutenant John Kuulei Kauhahao.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Brower: "Mr. Speaker, thank you. Two quick announcements. One is I found a crumpled up \$20 bill in the hallway to my left and I was going to turn it in to the Clerk's Office if it wants to be claimed.

"Second is, Members of the Tourism Committee, on March 17 I sent you an email asking you to keep tomorrow open should you like to participate in an informational briefing. The agenda has been posted and it's 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. A briefing on Hawaii's tourism industry, and scheduled to be there is the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Waikiki Improvement Association and members of Local 5. If anyone or any organization also wants to attend and participate, they are welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Belatti: "Mr. Speaker, thank you. This is just a reminder to colleagues that tomorrow the Institute for Human Services will be picking up Easter basket donations through the Women's Legislative

Caucus and at that time we will also have our Easter Bunny present for picture taking. So we hope you will be able to join us between 9:00 and 10:00 in the drop-off area right here on this floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative McDermott: "Mr. Speaker, two things. I believe today is one of our youngest Member's birthday, Representative Richard Fale. Can we all give him a hand and wish him a happy birthday. Smile, Richard.

"Mr. Speaker, the other thing with regard to the \$20 bill I'd like to identify it. It should have a picture of Andrew Jackson on it, so I'll meet you afterwards, Brower."

Representative Hashem: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to make another announcement. We have another, he's not the youngest member but he's right behind me. Yeah, he only looks it. It's the Representative from the Big Island, Mark Nakashima's birthday also."

## LATE INTRODUCTIONS

The following late introduction was made to the Members of the House:

Representative Ward introduced his constituent, Mr. Mark Fox, Director of External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii.

## RECESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The House will stand in recess for the purpose of convening in a Joint Session in the Senate Chambers at 2:00 p.m. We will convene on Thursday, March 28 at 12:00 noon."

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess and the House of Representatives stood in recess, subject to the call of the Chair, and in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25, met in Joint Session with the Senate, for the Hawaii Medal of Honor Ceremony.

## JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature was called to order at 2:04 o'clock p.m., by the Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President of the Senate.

The President addressed the Chamber, stating:

"The Joint Session called pursuant to Concurrent Resolution adopted by the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House is called to order.

"On behalf of the House Speaker and all the Members of the Hawaii State Legislature, we honor members of the armed forces of the United States with ties to Hawaii who fought and died bravely in combat zone designated by Presidential Order."

At this time, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, guests, and audience rose for the Hawaiian Blessing which was delivered by Ms. Hinalimoana Wong-Kalu, followed by the presentation of our Nation's and our State's Colors by the Joint Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard. The singing of the National Anthem and *Hawaii Pono'i* was then led by Mr. Danny Kaleikini.

President Kim then addressed the Members, guests and audience as follows:

"Thank you, Ms. Wong-Kalu. *Mahalo*, Joint Service Color Guard, Royal Guard and Mr. Kaleikini. Your participation in today's ceremony is greatly appreciated.

"Good afternoon honored guests, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Members of the Hawaii State Senate and the House of Representatives, I extend to all of you our warmest *aloha* and welcome, and a special *aloha* to the families of those we honor today. Many of you have travelled a long way to be here, and we are humbled and honored by your presence to join us for this ceremony.

"The Medal of Honor is Hawaii's expression of gratitude to those who gave their lives in the service of our nation. These citizens volunteered to carry the flag of the United States, to uphold the ideals and principles of a free and democratic nation, to put themselves in harm's way to fulfill their military missions, and to represent our people and country with pride, honor and distinction. We admire them immensely for their courage and willingness to make tremendous personal sacrifices for the greater good.

"The Medal of Honor is awarded posthumously. As such, this day is one of sorrow, of heartbreak. The families of our servicemen and women endured great suffering and hardship, and we convey our deepest condolences to all the families and loved ones.

"At the same time, in honoring these heroes, let us celebrate their lives and what they stood for. They are sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, comrades-in-arms, friends and neighbors. They represent all the good things in life. They stood for those qualities we admire in our fellow citizens: honor, loyalty, courage, sacrifice, patriotism, and a commitment to putting the needs of others above their own. And they symbolized the values and traditions that have made our country a place of freedom, equality and opportunity.

"To the families of our honorees, please accept this Medal of Honor Ceremony as a small token of our appreciation and admiration, which we present with our heartfelt and lasting *aloha. Mahalo.*"

At this time, the President introduced the following state, congressional and military leaders seated on the Floor of the House:

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, United States Congresswoman;

Representing the Honorable Brian Schatz, United States Senator: Mr. Chuck Freedman;

Representing the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator: Ms. Lauren Montez-Hernandez;

Representing the Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, United States Congresswoman: Mr. Kamakana Kaimuloua;

Lieutenant General Francis Wiercinski, United States Army Pacific, and Mrs. Jeannine Wiercinski;

Mr. Allen Hoe, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army;

Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, The Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

Representing the United States Pacific Fleet and Admiral Cecil Haney: Rear Admiral Patrick Driscoll;

Major General James Walton, Commanding General, 311th Signal Command (Theater);

Major General Gary M. Hara, Commander, Hawaii Army National Guard, and Mrs. Dianne Hara;

Brigadier General Stanley J. Osserman Jr., Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard;

Brigadier General Joseph Kim, Deputy Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense, and Mrs. Kimberly Kim;

Representing the United States Pacific Air Forces and General Herbert Carlisle: Brigadier General James Post, and Mrs. Susan Post;

Rear Admiral Fernandez Ponds, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and Mrs. Carolyn Ponds;

Representing the United States Marine Forces Pacific and Lieutenant General Terry Robling: Colonel Jeffrey Davis, and Mrs. Kathy Davis;

Representing the United States Coast Guard District 14 and Rear Admiral Charles Ray: Captain Meredith Austin;

Representing the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and Major General Stephen Lyons: Colonel Glenn Grothe;

Representing the 25th Infantry Division and Major General William Fuller: Colonel Frank Tate;

Representing the Hawaii National Guard, Chief of Joint Staff: Colonel Joe Logan; and

Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert Lee, Senior Enlisted Officer, Hawaii National Guard.

President Kim then called upon the Honorable Neil Abercrombie to deliver his remarks as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen, *aloha*. Friends, the purpose of the Act, designated as Act 21, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, states: 'the purpose of this Act is to provide for a Hawaii Medal of Honor that would help express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the people of Hawaii to the loved ones of members of the military who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms.'

"It's a position of gratitude. It is an honor for those of us who are privileged to occupy elected office to be able to represent to you, not only those who are gathered here to my immediate right, as family of those who are to be honored as a result of the passage of Act 21, but for all those assembled here today and who may see at least a portion of the results either in the newspapers or throughout the media.

"We do this, a public ceremony, because we wish to express in more than just a symbolic way what it is we regard as most fundamental to recognition of what it takes to enable us to be a free people. In some respects as I have indicated in previous remarks on another occasion, where this opportunity was provided for us, that this involves inevitably then, if it's to be described, a ritual. Why are we gathered in such a manner, in such a solemn regard for what it is we're about to undertake.

"It's because we understand that in ceremonies such as this we are engaged in a public expression of what constitutes our fundamental values. A public expression of what it is that we believe. We are trying to put three dimensions and a human context on to what otherwise might be considered an academic exercise. That is to say, the recitation of a philosophy or the verbal expressions associated with what we say we believe.

"It's one thing to take an oath. Everyone here has taken an oath of office. Everyone who is to be honored today took an oath of office. It's a verbal expression, a particularly and peculiarly human endeavor in which we verbalize in front of our fellow what it is that we say we're about to embark upon in terms of our commitment to it, our fidelity with regard to it and what we say is an extension of who we are as human beings and as free men and women in this democracy.

"I carry with me today a book that I brought with me the last time I did this, because it's a constant reminder to me and it's something that I read

and re-read. It's *Guard of Honor* by James Gould Cozzens, written in the wake of World War II, and was an expression of Cozzens' ideas in a fictional sense of what it was to be involved in World War II and by extension what was involved with us as human beings in expressing not just to ourselves but to the nation and the world what it meant to make an ultimate sacrifice.

"The quote that formulated the foundation for Cozzens' work was from *The Tempest* and Shakespeare. 'I and my fellows are ministers of Fate. The elements, of whom your swords are temper'd, may as well wound the loud winds, or with bemock'd-at stabs kill the still-closing waters, as diminish one feather that's in my plume. My fellow-ministers are like invulnerable.'

"All those we honor today have embodied in their sacrifice, in their commitment and their determination to be as fellow ministers of each other's fate. A sense not that they were invulnerable. What was invulnerable was their commitment. What was invulnerable was their fidelity and loyalty to each other. What was invulnerable was their dedication to the proposition that freedom had to be defended and that they were willing to put themselves forward to accomplish that.

"None of us know at any given moment how we would be able to respond, how we would react, whether we would be able to carry through on that to which we pledged ourselves. Who knows among us at this moment whether we too could have met that challenge?

"But we know that we are ministers of our own fate and that as ministers of that fate we know that our own vulnerabilities are known only to us and known to God. What we do know is that sacrifices were made. What we do know is that we can acknowledge those sacrifices and that we can make certain that those who have had to bear the brunt of what those sacrifices meant, know that they are not forgotten. Know that all those honored today are carried in our hearts and that we are brothers and sisters for and with and to each other.

"And with that sure knowledge we hope that some small measure of comfort will be extended from us to you. Not just this day, but in the days to come. And that you will carry with you from this ceremony our commitment and our pledge not just to remember but to try to fulfill the promise that was made ultimately and with complete sacrifice by those whom you love."

President Kim then called upon Major General Darryll Wong to deliver his remarks on behalf of the military as follows:

"Governor Abercrombie, Lieutenant Governor Tsutsui, Senate President Mercado Kim, Speaker Souki, Members of our State Legislature, and especially, family and friends of our honored heroes. Good afternoon and aloha.

"We are honored and privileged to be in the presence of the families of our fallen heroes. There is no honor higher that our state can bestow upon a member of our armed forces, than the Hawaii Medal of Honor. But the price of that honor is far too high. To receive that medal means a member of our military with Hawaii ties has given up his or her life in service of our nation.

"The burden imposed on the families and friends is heavy beyond measure. This is not an honor that we bestow with joy, rather we do so with heavy hearts and solemn resolve. Collectively, as a state, we have made it our mission to express our deepest appreciation to these brave men and women. We resolve to ensure that the families of our servicemen shall always be a part of our Hawaii *ohana*, and that the ultimate sacrifice made by their loved ones will always be remembered.

"As evidenced by these great men who sit up in the gallery there, you know our nation has been at war for 11 1/2 years and the burden of that war has been carried on the shoulders of a select few. Some 2 million men and women who currently wear the uniform or who are now war veterans have deployed since September 11, 2001. Of those more than 6,600 have given their lives, of which Hawaii has lost 327 service members.

"Our grateful state best honors and remembers the sacrifices of those who have served our nation by living our lives with deep appreciation for our freedom. While the Hawaii Medal of Honor cannot take away the pain of losing a loved one, it symbolizes that Hawaii will never forget. They will never forget them nor will we forget their families.

"During World War II gold stars denoting that a service member from a family had died in action were all too commonly displayed on the windows of apartment buildings, farm houses, and in the communities that mourned the loss of these fallen heroes. The gold star in the Hawaii State Medal of Honor that will be presented to each family today represents the star of the 50th State on the American Flag. It's also a reminder of the gold star placed on the windows of American homes from past conflicts.

"The attachment device in red and yellow is a rendering of the ancient *puela* or flag that Hawaiians raised above the sails of their canoes. Anyone who saw the *puela* from afar knew that a person of the highest rank was coming. Today the service ribbon and its *puela* reminds us that these families are of the highest rank and honor.

"The *kalo* or taro leaves in the medal symbolizes the embrace of the people of Hawaii as one *ohana*. There is no community in the United States that embraces and loves its military members more than we here in Hawaii. To the family, friends and comrades-in-arms that are here with us today, there may be times when you feel all alone, that no one understands your pain or that few appreciate the ultimate sacrifice that your husband, father, son or daughter has made on our behalf.

"In those times, please remember this. It doesn't matter whether a sailor, soldier, airmen or marine grew up in Hawaii or called Hawaii home for only a short period of time. Their warrior spirit will always be a part of our islands. And it doesn't matter whether the families of our heroes from Hawaii were from here or the mainland, your loss is our loss. It is with great humility that we present these Medals of Honor to these families who are and always will be a part of our *ohana* and will always have a place of honor in our islands."

At this time, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House presented the Hawaii Medal of Honor. The Clerk of the Senate announced the names of the Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients, which was followed by the ringing of the memorial bell.

United States Marine Corps Captain Daniel B. Bartle.  
Captain Bartle was 27. He was from Ferndale, Washington and served with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his cousin, Tiffany Schafer.

United States Marine Corps Corporal Joseph D. Logan.  
Corporal Logan was 22. He was from Willis, Texas and served with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his parents, Thomas and Deborah Logan.

United States Marine Corps Captain Nathan R. McHone.  
Captain McHone was 29. He was from Crystal Lake, Illinois and served with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his mother, Sylvia McHone, and his girlfriend, Julie Neuser.

United States Marine Corps Corporal Kevin J. Reinhard.  
Corporal Reinhard was 25. He was from Colonia, New Jersey and served with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his parents, James and Kathleen Reinhard.

United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant Travis W. Riddick. Master Sergeant Riddick was 40. He was from Centerville, Iowa and served with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his wife, Jennifer Riddick, and his daughter, Victoria Riddick.

United States Marine Corps Corporal Jesse W. Stites. Corporal Stites was 23. He was from North Beach, Maryland and served with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Kristin Stites.

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas S. Johnson. Chief Warrant Officer Johnson was 27. He was from San Diego, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, from Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don Weeks.

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don C. Viray. Chief Warrant Officer Viray was 25. He was from Waipahu, Hawaii and served with the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, from Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his parents, Leodindo and Luz Viray, and his sister, Sherry Anne Viray.

United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Scott E. Dickinson. Staff Sergeant Dickinson was 29. He was from San Diego, California and served with the Headquarters Company, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Alicia Dickinson.

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian D. Hornsby. Chief Warrant Officer Hornsby was 37. He was from Melbourne, Florida and served with the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Mr. Daniel Steven Hansen.

The Clerk of the House proceeded to read the names of the other Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients whose family and friends could not be present for today's ceremony:

United States Army First Lieutenant Clovis T. Ray

United States Army Sergeant Dean R. Shaffer

United States Army Sergeant Chris J. Workman

United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Gregory T. Buckley

United States Marine Corps Corporal Richard A. Rivera Jr.

United States Army Sergeant Richard A. Essex

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Suresh N.A. Krause

United States Army Sergeant Luis A. Oliver Galbreath

United States Army Sergeant Sapuro B. Nena

Speaker Souki then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"Before proceeding on with the 3-Volley Salute and playing of Taps, I would like to thank all of you for being here today to join with the Members of the Hawaii State Senate and the House of Representatives as we pay our respect to these fallen servicemen and women, and their families, their friends and fellow soldiers who served beside them.

"I am sure that I can speak for all of us here, as well as the communities we represent, and indeed our state and our nation, when I say, we honor you, our fallen heroes. And we offer our deepest gratitude to you for answering the call to duty and for making the ultimate sacrifice.

"Freedom is not free. We hear this phrase so often, and yet it is in ceremonies such as this that its truth is deeply felt. When we pause to appreciate our freedom and our liberties that we too often take for granted and when we are reminded that each of us, in our own way, also have a duty and responsibility to protect and uphold these basic human rights at home and abroad.

"And to the families, the friends, the brothers and sisters in arms, please know that the people of this state, this community, stand with you in remembering and honoring your loved ones – heroes, each of them. May God bless them, may God bless the United States.

"And now, Members of the Senate and House, our special guests and audience, please rise as I turn your attention outside to the Capitol Rotunda for the 3-Volley Salute and the playing of Taps which will be followed by a moment of silence in honor of our fallen heroes. Members of the Hickam Base Honor Guard, please proceed."

At this time, Members of the Hickam Base Honor Guard proceeded with a 3-Volley Salute and the playing of Taps outside the Senate Chamber in the Capitol Rotunda, which was then followed by a moment of silence.

The Speaker of the House then called on the Joint Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard for the retiring of the Colors, and at 2:57 o'clock p.m., declared the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives adjourned.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:00 o'clock midnight, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Thursday, March 28, 2013.

#### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 27, 2013, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following measure:

H.B. No. 776, HD 2, SD 1

**2013 HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**

United States Marine Corps Captain Daniel B. Bartle  
 United States Marine Corps Corporal Joseph D. Logan  
 United States Marine Corps Captain Nathan R. McHone  
 United States Marine Corps Corporal Kevin J. Reinhard  
 United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant Travis W. Riddick  
 United States Marine Corps Corporal Jesse W. Stites  
 United States Army First Lieutenant Clovis T. Ray  
 United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas S. Johnson  
 United States Army Sergeant Dean R. Shaffer  
 United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don C. Viray  
 United States Army Sergeant Chris J. Workman  
 United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Gregory T. Buckley  
 United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Scott E. Dickinson  
 United States Marine Corps Corporal Richard A. Rivera Jr.  
 United States Army Sergeant Richard A. Essex  
 United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian D. Hornsby  
 United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Suresh N.A. Krause  
 United States Army Sergeant Luis A. Oliver Galbreath  
 United States Army Sergeant Sapuro B. Nena

**From House Bill 8, designated as Act 21, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2005:**

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**JOINT SESSION OF  
THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE  
SENATE CHAMBER**

**March 27, 2013  
2:00 P.M.**

**HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAM**

Call to Order	Senate President Donna Mercado Kim
Posting of the Colors	United States Pacific Command Joint Service Color Guard Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard
National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i	Mr. Danny Kaleikini
Hawaiian Blessing	Kumu Hula Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu Halau Lokahi Public Charter School
Welcome and Introduction of Guests	Senate President Donna Mercado Kim
Governor's Message	Governor Neil Abercrombie
Military Address	Major General Darryll D.M. Wong
Hawaii Medal of Honor Presentation	Senate President Donna Mercado Kim House Speaker Joseph M. Souki Governor Neil Abercrombie Major General Darryll D.M. Wong
Presentation of Certificates	Senator Will Espero Representative K. Mark Takai Lieutenant Governor Shan S. Tsutsui
Rendering of Honors	Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Navy Detachment Honor Guard
Closing Remarks	House Speaker Joseph M. Souki
3-Volley Salute	Hickam Base Honor Guard
Taps	Hawaii National Guard
Retiring of the Colors	

**SYMBOLISM OF THE  
HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR**

The Hawaii Medal of Honor was designed by Sergeant First Class Aaron Pollick from the Hawaii Army National Guard. This medal consists of the following six components, superimposed on each other:

**Circle of Kalo Leaves:** The kalo leaves represent the family or Ohana. The leaves are designed in an encircled fashion and represent the concept of Ohana, which we strive to embrace.

**Coat of Arms:** The Great Shield is the keystone of the design. The eight bars represent the eight major islands of the State of Hawaii. The kapu sticks, or Pulo'ulo'u, symbolize authority and protection. The star in the center of the medallion is the Star of Hawaii, the 50<sup>th</sup> star on the flag of the United States. This star also represents the honorees of this prestigious award.

**Maltese Cross:** The Maltese Cross represents the four directional axes of the globe, denoting Hawaii as the Crossroads of the Pacific.

**Sun Rays:** The irradiant sun is symbolic of the new era. Its position in the center of the Maltese Cross represents our sunny shores and warm hearts ever shining on all the corners of the world.

**The Neck Drape:** The neck drape is red and golden yellow in color. These colors symbolize the royal monarchy that once ruled these islands. The red represents courage and strength. The golden yellow depicts the honor that the recipients have brought to our islands.

**Service Ribbon & Attachment:** The service ribbon represents distinguished service. Its colors are identical to the colors of the neck drape. The attachment device at the middle of the ribbon is an ancient flag or puela of Hawaiian Chiefs. In olden times, the puela was raised above the sail of the ancient Hawaiians' canoes while at sea. Our puela signifies that the person receiving this medal is of high rank or honor.

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**Special Acknowledgement:**

Representative K. Mark Takai and Ms. Lisa Vargas Omo for their unwavering commitment over the past eight years to honor these families and for their tireless efforts to ensure that each designated medal is received by the intended family.